

Wastewater Management Commission (WWMC)

Meeting minutes - October 20, 2008

(Approved by WWMC on November 3, 2008)

Meeting time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Tiverton Community Center

Members present: Don Wilbur, Chris Nearpass, John Christo, Colleen Stanton, Stephen York & Leroy Kendricks (Telephonically).

Also in attendance: John Lincourt: (WWS) Wastewater Superintendent
Stephen Berlucchi: Public Works Director

1. The minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting as recorded by the Secretary of the Commission was unanimously approved on a motion by Colleen Stanton and 2nd by Stephen York.

2. On-Site Issues – Implementation of the On-site Wastewater Management Program:

(1) **Stafford Pond Watershed** – No updates to report.

(2) Nanaquaket Pond Watershed

– Of the 250 initial notices sent, informing residents to have a First Maintenance Inspection performed on their septic systems, 50 were undeliverable due to an error with the address. John Lincourt will correct and resend.

– The next set of notices will be sent 1 March 2009 with an inspection due date of 30 June 2009. The last set of notices will be sent 1 July 2009 with an inspection due date of 31 October 2009.

(3) Variance request on cesspool replacement

– A variance pursuant to section 18-9.10 of the Town Tiverton's Sewer Ordinance requested during the 6 Oct 2008 WWMC meeting was further discussed. It was agreed by the WWMC members that this issue needs to be addressed with the Town officials. The WWMC will meet in executive session during the 17 November 2008 WWMC meeting to try to resolve this issue.

3. Sewer Projects:

Ponta Pump Station – John Lincourt investigated the high electrical bills. There seems to be difference in the meter readings of the pump station and that of the Ponta club. John had a meeting with Bob Souza (rep of Ponta Club) and walked through the club turning off the unnecessary circuit breakers. Further investigation of the electric billing will continue. John also received cost estimates to extend the Bourne Mill sewer line into the Ponta Club property line as well as to the Ponta pump station. The WWMC was made aware of potential new owners of the Ponta Club.

Watuppa Plantations/Countryview Estates — John Lincourt has received stamped electrical and civil drawings. These drawings were submitted to Bata Engineering for review.

-Stephen Berlucchi reported that the Town of Tiverton has received a signed agreement with Countryview Estates that back-up generators will be installed in both the Blackbird and Cardinal pump stations. Steve will keep track of this issue to insure completion within the specified time period.

Bourne Mill – Construction is continuing at a slow rate due to water problems. Steve Berlucchi updated the WWMC on the meeting he attended with Town officials, Town Planner and others concerning inspections.

Betterment assessments. – No action taken. John Lincourt has the action to revise the letter to be submitted to the property owners, who must connect to the sewer line within one year.

4. Long Range Planning: No update to report.

5. Financial Report: - John Lincourt submitted a draft expenditure report to John Christo for review and comment. John Christo and John Lincourt will work together and present the final report to the WWMC at the next meeting.

6. Public Education: - A location for a meeting to inform the Nanaquaket residents concerning the inspection program etc. has not been finalized. John Lincourt was given the action to find a location to accommodate approx 150 residents.

- John Lincourt informed the WWMC of the upcoming broadcast (channel 36) on 30 October concerning R.I.'s water infrastructure.

7. Documentation & Procedures:

- **Audet, Carpenter, Blaisdell and Cliff Street** – No update to report.

- **R.I. WARN Agreement** – No update to report.

- **New Regulations for Operations & Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities** – John Lincourt reported that he would start working in response to this regulation. DEM has requested that only one report be submitted from the Town. Therefore, John Lincourt will work with the School department with their preparation of a plan for their sewer system at the High school to be included in the Town's report.

8.General Administration - No additional issues discussed.

9. A motion to adjourn (6:09 PM) was made by Chris Nearpass 2nd by Don Wilbur passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting date is November 3, 2008, 5:00PM at Tiverton Community Center.

Submitted by:

John S. Christo, Secretary WWMC